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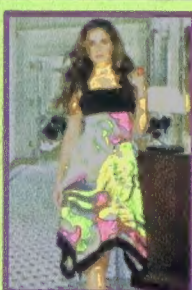
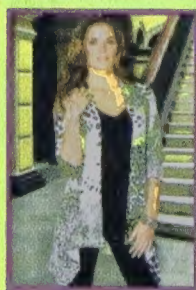
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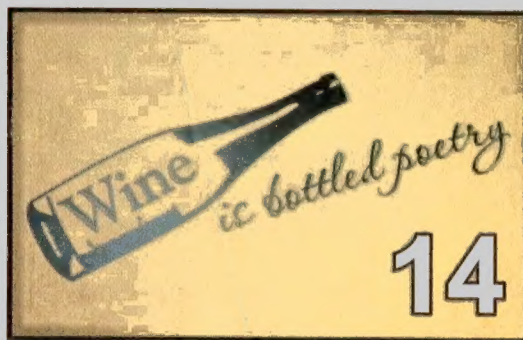
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Dear readers,

Many of you will remember our popular, fun news only magazine known as The Highlands Communicator. Started in 2001 by the former owners of *The County Voice*, The Communicator regularly promoted upcoming events, highlighted our many local businesses, and featured the people and places that make this community as vibrant and attractive as it is.

Was it popular? Yes. But was it time to rebrand? Absolutely.

So after plenty of behind-the-scenes work by our committed advertising, editorial and production staff, we're proud to present the first issue of our new little magazine, *County Connections*. Within its pages, readers will be able to look forward to the same strong editorial content they previously enjoyed, with articles that are stirring, insightful and always entertaining. And for all you gamers who spent hours solving Sudokus and crosswords, rest assured, the fun will continue.

Building on The Communicator's decade of success, *County Connections* will place a strong emphasis on business in the Highlands and the people that contribute to the local economy. Every issue will showcase new and well-established businesses, as well as the innovative entrepreneurs who operate them.

In addition, readers will be able to look forward to a variety of new sections, such as a regular column on the creative economy, profiles on inspiring youth, and in-depth features that reveal the history of our county's landmarks.

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From the *County Voice* and *County Connections* staff, we sincerely thank you for your continued support.



Dining & Entertainment

The Red Umbrella Inn makes a sparkling return

Photos and story by Stephen Patrick

The venerable Red Umbrella Inn on 12 Mile Lake has been a grand Haliburton County institution since 1928. But now, under the leadership of owner Zaid Halasah and chef Michael Chilvers, an exciting and welcoming new era is well underway.

"It's simple," says Zaid (known as Zee), "I've loved this property and Haliburton County for many years. And when the chance came to buy The Red Umbrella a year and a half ago, I just had to do it." Z's been a passionate cottager on Horseshoe Lake with his family for many years, and continues to run a highly successful IT consultancy business in Toronto. "I'm determined to make The Red Umbrella an important part of the Haliburton community and the hospitality industry. We've made big changes already, with many of our accommodations renovated. We have beautiful rooms in the Inn, along with simple cottages, Jacuzzi suites, and even housekeeping and sauna units.

"We've also built a new deck, refurbished our dining rooms and lounge, along with upgrading our kitchen and housekeeping facilities. We're a family resort, we welcome children of course, but we're also a destination for honeymooners as well. It's funny, you know, people see that I have brochures available from other resorts in the area, and ask me, Zee, why are you advertising your competition?

"And I reply that we're all part of this community, and my neighbour's success will be my success. That's why we support our local charities when we can, and why we welcome our community to come and see us, dine with us, enjoy life with us."

Zee has already transformed many of the suites into an imaginative combination of traditional style with highly modernist and high end Thomason furniture. The Inn rooms are cosy, charming, and very private. The cottages and suites again feature a fusion of traditional cottage with beautiful new duvets, bedding, furniture and mattresses. Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the resort. Zee will not rent out any accommodation that he hasn't deemed to be of the highest quality: at the moment The Red Umbrella can accommodate 45 in house guests in the summer, and about 28 in the winter.

Dining is an essential part of any resort, and the kitchen and comfortable and up-to-date dining rooms are clearly chef Michael Chilvers's special domain. "I've only been here since the summer, but already I'm in love with this place, and with its possibilities. We're introducing a new menu at Easter, and already our Halloween and New Year's parties have been the talk of Haliburton. This summer Mark Christiano's Yeah Babies will be performing every Saturday afternoon from June 25th right through the summer: and we're hosting a gigantic



Chef Michael Chilvers and Owner Zaid Halasah.



One of the beautifully renovated chalets.

Canada Day, and new Red Umbrella opening party on Saturday July 2nd. We'll have fun games for kids, great music, and great food."

Chef Michael was trained at the prestigious George Brown Chef program and apprenticed with super chef Mark McEwan at the ROM in Toronto. His personal culinary preference is rooted in French and Italian cuisine, but as he says, "Everyone now really has to have an element of fusion in their cuisine, which makes it all the more exciting and interesting." Chilvers will be buying locally whenever possible:

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New business in the Highlands

Dar's Family Haircutters

Get a quick 'do' or a tattoo



Darlene Sawyer shares a laugh with Heather Innes while giving her a trim.

Photos and story by Mark Arike

In need of a quick trim? Want to take it all off while the wife and kids shop around town? Whatever the case may be, if you're in a hurry, Darlene Sawyer can whip your do into shape.

Cutting hair was something that Darlene (we'll call her Dar) did for many years, but only on the side for close friends and family. Now, this Haliburton resident has hopped into the driver's seat as owner and operator of Dar's Family Haircutters, a full-time business located in the lower level of the Stedmans V&S mall.

"I've been licensed for about 16 years," said Dar, explaining that she decided to go into the business because of the demand for quick and convenient cuts. "People were telling me that there aren't many places where you can just run in when you only have 20-minutes to spare."

Dar moved to the Highlands in 2008 after running a steering and suspension business for 13 years with her husband Mike in Courtice. They chose to make the move because city life wasn't that appealing to them anymore and their car business took a noticeable hit when General Motors suffered major losses. They also couldn't get enough of the family cottage.

"My kids always loved it up here," said Dar.

Upon their arrival to the Highlands, Dar picked up employment at McKecks and her husband became a bus driver for First Student.

After overcoming her initial fears of becoming her own boss, Dar focused and "went for it."

"I began the search for an affordable location and found this

spot," she said.

Over many long days and late nights, she made necessary renovations with the help of her husband, daughter Brooke and a good friend.

"We had to remove a couple of the walls and do the flooring ... Brooke got involved in the painting."

Dar approached the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) for financial support to get going.

"They were all over it and jumped right on-board. They thought it was a great idea," she said. The experience was a learning process for Dar, as she had to write a business plan and prepare plenty of other paperwork.

At Dar's Family Haircutters, customers can expect to get a professional haircut in a short amount of time, with or without an appointment.

"What I offer is pretty simple; I'm not doing colours, perms or offering other services you'd find at a salon," said Dar. "This business is about getting customers in and getting them out, all while providing a quality cut at a cheap price."

She has, however, teamed up with local tattoo artist Kory Mills of The Hidden Lotus to offer customers something special: tattoos.

"He approached me and I thought we should join forces," said Dar of the in-house service.

Cuts at Dar's are for men and women of all ages and are: \$15 for adults, \$12 for students and \$10 for children (ages 10 and under).

The business is open Tuesday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

To book an appointment with Dar call 705-854-1200.

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Tattoo artist Kory Mills is ready and willing to ink you at Dar's.

Business spotlight

Tory Hill Towing and Recycling

Providing an environmentally-friendly solution for scrap metals

Photos and story by Mark Arike

David Micallef admits to being a bit of an environmentalist. That's why whenever he sees junk laying around the community he finds himself eager to clean up the problem.

And eliminating some of that junk is exactly what Micallef has been doing as the owner and operator of Tory Hill Towing and Recycling, a new business serving all of Haliburton County.

"I think we really have issues with the way we treat the environment," said Micallef in an interview at his home. "Many rural towns in Ontario and North America are so far behind when it comes to recycling scrap metals."

Before getting into the towing and vehicle recycling business, Micallef worked as a dock builder at Emmerson Lumber, was a mechanic who owned his own garage, and got up in the trees as an arborist. He rather fancied his position at Emmerson's and was disappointed to give it up due to a nagging foot injury.

With an "I'm not ready to retire yet" attitude, he decided to approach the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) with his business proposal in hopes of receiving some funding. He was successful in his bid, and a year later, acquired a six-passenger tow truck from the States.

"I can haul equipment with it, bulldozers ... I'll do recovery work and site clean-ups," said Micallef, adding that he also has a bulldozer to assist him with site clean-ups. "I can use the bulldozer to help me get to vehicles that are hard to access because they're down in the bush."

The truck is heavily insured, which means that Micallef is permitted to tow for the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), Canadian Automobile Association (CAA) and motor leagues.

When speaking about his services, Micallef explains that he's not running a scrap yard.

"I pick up the vehicles and take them to a salvage mill, where within an hour or two they get squashed, melted down and as a result, the metals get used again," he said. "With a scrap yard, the vehicles are moved from one spot on the ground to another, where they sit again for an extended period of time."

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Tory Hill Towing's six passenger truck is capable of carrying vehicles of all sizes.



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David Micallef takes his bulldozer for a spin.

The metals end up being reused for barbeques, kitchen taps and in many other common items.

So what's a customer get? That's something Micallef determines based on the amount of metals that come out of the vehicle and on current market value.

"It comes down to weight and market value," he explained, pointing out that a high-end make or model isn't likely to garner more money. "I just recently squashed a Porsche – and trust me, it doesn't matter," he laughed.

The going rates for scrap metals, he says, are significantly impacted by what is currently going on in the world.

"Japan is the largest importer of our metals. With the devastation from the Tsunami, it's inevitable that the prices will go up a lot. But that hasn't happened yet because they have tons of scrap metal to recycle from the disaster before they need to buy from us."

Micallef encourages people to call him, but he has been known to stop by and visit property owners who possess abandoned vehicles.

"I give them my information and thoroughly explain the process," he said, adding that he's looking forward to helping "clean the county up."

Regardless of what kind of vehicle you have sitting around, give David a call today at 705-457-7353.

He will be glad to meet with you, provide an estimate of what your return might be, and enable you to lighten the load on Mother Earth.

Red Umbrella Inn *cont'd from page 5*

"Everything we serve we cook from scratch, we don't take any shortcuts. We serve three meals daily, and welcome our Haliburton neighbours to come and enjoy dining with us. We appreciate reservations, but they're not essential."

And as a part of our commitment to our community we've helped the Minden Rotary, and we're now trying to find a way to help the high school's Jazz Band, as part of our "Neighbours helping Neighbours initiative."

Among Chilver's new entrees will include Alabama BBQ Rotisserie Chicken, Blackened Tilapia with a house Spice Rub, Atlantic Salmon and Ontario Spring Lamb with a Dijon Demi-Glaze. For lunches the chef offers Ham and Havarti on a Kaiser, Beef and Cheddar Baguette, as well as home-made soup, wings, burgers, and of course poutine. Their famous Sunday Brunch (starting on the May 24th weekend) will include Eggs Benedict along with scrambled eggs with cheddar cheese, and a wonderful variety of luscious desserts.

Zee and Michael are absolutely dedicated to quality, to their community, and to their guests. "We will constantly be making improvements to all aspects of the Inn," promises Zee. And Chilvers adds, "Since the summer we've been able to assess what our strengths, and what our weaknesses are: we've learned from the great success we've had with all kinds of groups and guests, at Christmas, at Halloween, and so on, and we're now poised to take advantage of that experience. We can't wait for the summer."

And Zee adds, with a wry grin, "You know, some people thought I was crazy to take this on. But I have to admit I love



A snapshot of the dining room at the Red Umbrella Inn.

it, love the customers, and the challenge. The Red Umbrella is a wonderful place, and I'm so proud that it's becoming an important part of the Haliburton community."

For reservations and information, call 705 489-2462, or 800 461-0316. The Red Umbrella Inn is situated just a few kilometres north of Minden off Highway 35. The Inn dining room for April and early May will be open for dinner on Wednesdays, and for all three meals Thursday to Sunday. Check with the Inn for up-to-date hours starting with the May 24 weekend, or check their website at www.redumbrellainn.com.

Maarten Steinkamp to judge German talent show

By Mark Arike

Local restaurateur Maarten Steinkamp won't be as visible in the community this summer – but there's a good reason for his absence.

This past January, the co-owner Sony BMG CEO and current owner of three Haliburton restaurants – McKecks, Aniz and 212 Fine Foods – was invited to be a juror on the German talent show "My Name Is".

"How on Earth does a Dutch guy end up in the jury of a German TV show?" Steinkamp joked in an email.

It all started two years ago when Steinkamp's name was passed on to Grundy, the production company responsible for the hit talent show The X Factor.

"At the time I was a consultant on a soundtrack for one of RTL's TV movies and the lady in charge gave my name to them to audition for X Factor's jury," he explained. "I basically did this for fun. It went nowhere and rightly so, as it was in my view rather hopeless. They [Grundy] assured me that I was actually quite good – despite my limited German language knowledge – and they would keep my audition on file."

Since Steinkamp quickly forgot about the audition, he was surprised when he was asked to be a part of My Name Is.

"They watched my X Factor audition and liked it so much that

they invited me to take a seat on the jury," he said.

On My Name Is, contestants imitate their favourite idol. Past episodes have included a mixed bag of look-alike celebrities – everything from Lady Gaga to the King of Pop Michael Jackson. Performers are judged in areas that include: vocal performance, show performance and their resemblance to the authentic star.

"The TV format has been a success in several European markets like France, Belgium and the Netherlands," said Steinkamp.

The show is broadcasted by RTL, Germany's biggest commercial TV station – which according to Steinkamp is a market that has more than 80 million potential viewers.

As someone who worked behind the scenes to further the careers of artists, Steinkamp says he finds irony in the fact that he's now at the opposite end of the spectrum.

"For two decades I worked with music stars, helping them to become famous. Now I am the artist and do interviews, photo shoots, styling sessions ... it's kind of funny."

Shows with Steinkamp will start airing on June 15, with the two-hour live grand finale hitting the network on July 6.

Canadian audiences must tune in via the web at <http://www.rtl.nl/shows/mynameis/home/>



Maarten Steinkamp in McKecks restaurant.

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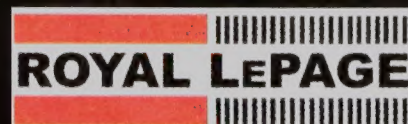
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Submitted by Mary Lawr

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New business in the Highlands

Haliburton Indoor Cycling

Riding static – riding wild – spinning free



A group of women take a breather after pushing themselves to the limit at Haliburton Indoor Cycling.

Photos and story by Terrance Gavan

The idea came to Andrea Butera during a trip to one of the world's most inspirational landmarks.

In Banff, Alberta, Canada.

Right bellow the Three Sisters.

Andrea Butera was traveling with an old friend.

When inspiration spun its serendipitous and sudden magic.

"This idea came to me back in November," smiles Butera.

She's talking about her new business Haliburton Indoor Cycling Studio located in the lower level of Steadman's Mall, right beside the *Voice and Connections* offices.

"I went to Banff and just before the trip I had been thinking about what I could offer to people in the community," says Butera, who has always been physically active and a fitness devotee. "I ran road races last year and my knee bothered me. When I lived in London and Sarnia I did some cycling and running, but I wondered how many other people might be experiencing problems with their knees or shins. Then the indoor cycling idea just appeared. It's perfect for people who need to take a break from other activity either for injury or during the winter."

It occurred to her that Haliburton Highlands did not have

an existing facility dedicated to stationary riding. Enter the Haliburton Indoor Cycling Studio.

It's a little engine that could. And has. It's popped viral in Haliburton. In only its first month of business – opened on March 15 – the popular spinning room with its 13 stationary spinning bikes is sold out, with a lengthy waiting list.

In fact, things are so hectic that Butera is in the process of hiring another spinning certified instructor/mentor.

"It's been phenomenal," says Butera, who is running Twin classes on Tuesday and Thursday along with a Saturday morning session. "I just hired Erica Johnson and she'll be starting in May. She's just in the process of obtaining her Spinning certificate."

Johnson will conduct classes on Monday's and Wednesdays and the two instructors will split the Saturday classes equally.

The Spinning angle is interesting. It's a working trademark, and all franchises must adhere to some strict training guidelines to receive and maintain their "Spinning" certificate.

"Spinning is a part of Mad Dogg athletics, a company based in California," explains Butera. The Spinning website dictates the core thesis that drives the Spinning regimen. "The Spinning program is the global leader in indoor cycling training, education and equipment. Uniquely tailored to suit a wide



Andrea Butera shows students that they can cycle with their eyes closed.

range of abilities and fitness goals, the Spinning program delivers a personalized workout, incredible calorie burn and personal challenge—all at a self-directed pace.”

Butera says that the philosophy and unique approach to training drew her to the Mad Dogg Athletics and Spinning network.

“Each class has a purpose,” says Butera. “It’s different than other exercise programs. It has direction and purpose with components that are not only physical but inspirational. Each participant keeps the pace. It’s why our spinning class is a real training session. I follow heart rate guidelines. We stay within our zones and movements are monitored.

“The beauty of indoor cycling is that people are not pressured to keep up the pace. Everybody has their own rhythm.

“It offers high intensity, low impact training and best of all; the spinning class is kind to the body.”

She says that it offers both aerobic and anaerobic benefits and training.

And then there’s that music. Beautiful music from classic rock to inspirational to some light alternative.

“People love the music,” laughs Butera. Don’t cycle? No worries, says Butera.

“We offer starter classes and there’s no such thing as a beginner,” she laughs. “You can join in and modify the workout or the resistance on the bike to fit right into a class. It’s a safe and effective program whether you have cardio goals, weight loss goals or you’re into using it for muscle toning. We also get a lot of competitive cyclists coming in to tune up for races or endurance rides.”

Don’t worry laughs Butera. She’s not telling people to sell their road bikes.

Indeed spinning is training destined to improve your summer sightseeing prowess.

“People get hooked on spinning,” smiles Butera. “They close their eyes and zone out. “Listening to music and not worrying about the traffic and the weather.”

Wait! No cars? I’m spun. Sign me up.

You may contact Andrea Butera by calling 705-457-4961 or by emailing her at haliburtonindoorcycling@hotmail.com.

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"Just Wine and Beer" pops the cork in Haliburton

Photos and story by Stephen Patrick

“Wine is bottled poetry” is the phrase Joanne McLean has chosen to display prominently on the wall of her brand new store, Just Wine and Beer, located on Maple Avenue in Haliburton, and she does her best to make that come true.

Joanne McLean is a wine maker with years of experience and a true love and understanding of her product. “I just love drinking wine, and that’s the truth,” she laughs as she gives a tour of her sparkling clean new facility. “We opened our first store eight years ago in Bancroft, where we offer both wine and beer making facilities. Here in Haliburton we’ll be offering our full range of wines, plus excellent beer-making kits for fermenting

and brewing in the comfort of your home.”

Joanne’s Haliburton manager is long-time colleague and wine/beer expert Matt McTrash. “Matt started with me a number of years ago in Bancroft: he started out as a local customer, and then began to learn the craft of wine and beer making.

“We offer over 900 different wines representing almost every known variety of grapes, and blends. We deal with some of the best wineries in the world, including the Red Mountain Winery from Washington State. At the entry level, you can start with an excellent wine that will cost you \$70 (including HST) for 30 750ml bottles: that’s just slightly over \$2.00 per bottle! You could also start with a Fusion Malbec Shiraz for less than half the price of the liquor store version. That

includes corks, labels, and shrink wrap. There is also a small charge for new bottles, but you’re welcome to bring your own. All you have to do is come in, sign up, and we’ll get you started right away. And in as little as just four weeks, you come in and bottle your wonderful wine, and that’s all there is to it. All it takes to start is about five minutes of your time.

“For more complex, or richer wines, a full-bodied Cote de Rhone, for example, can take up to eight weeks before you can come in and bottle it. The fermentation takes place here, of course, in our state-of-the art temperature and humidity-controlled facility. We fully guarantee all our products, and have done so for all the years we’ve been in business.”

It’s important to note that once you bottle your wine and take it home, it may require some more time to age properly. The entry level products can be drunk without hesitation almost immediately. But, as Joanne points out, “A top-end product like the Cabernet Sauvignon we make from the Red Mountain Winery will cost about \$5.00 per bottle: the very same wine from Red Mountain could cost you easily more than 10 times that price in the liquor store. And we buy the grapes fermented on their skins for our premium wines.” In fact the processes and fermentation techniques Joanne uses are not much different (and in most cases not different at all) from the methods used by the age-old professional wine makers around the world.

Joanne and Matt both pay the closest possible attention to cleanliness and water quality. Her osmosis filtration and purification water systems are absolutely state of the art, and their attention to detail in every



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aspect of their operation is truly impressive. "I am fanatical about cleanliness – you have to be in this business."

And the proof of this dedication? Their wines have garnered awards in many different competitions: "last year we won four different awards in a major competition in Vermont, with over 4000 different wines in competition. Right now we have seven different wines in a competition in California, and the winners will be announced in May." Joanne has won a number of gold medals, "because we are so careful in the fermentation and production process."

Wine making is a complex and technically demanding process, as many amateur wine makers have found, as they and their long-suffering guests will know. Joanne is a true professional, as is manager Matt McTrash. "I have a pharmaceutical degree, which certainly stands me in good stead in this business. You have to have detailed knowledge of just how the process works, the chemistry really, in order to make good wines and beers. For our beer customers, I'll make absolutely sure that they understand completely what they have to do in order to make great beer at home. We'll take whatever time it takes to make sure the customer brews great beer."

"The start-up equipment kits are on sale now for just \$62: the customer then pays just \$28 for the actual beer-making goodies, what's called the wort, which produces over four 24's of excellent beer. There are almost 60 different varieties of beer available."

"And of course I'm here every day to help with your choice of wine: and if customers just want to call either of us on the phone for any kind of wine advice, we're happy to give it."

Just Wine and Beer also offers some great gift items for the wine lover, including a revolutionary wine-aerating system (much like decanting wine, only better) from Vinturi.

Joanne McLean, along with her husband Robin and manager Matt, look forward to your first visit to their store.

It's located just north of Emmerson Lumber on Maple Avenue in Haliburton. Hours are: 10 to 5 Tuesday and Wednesday; 10 to 6 on Thursday; 10 to 5:30 on Friday, and 9 to 3 on Saturday. You can reach Matt or Joanne at 705 455-9530.



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Events in your community

Everyone welcome at second annual volunteer fair

Three local organizations want the public to "explore, engage and embrace" volunteer opportunities that are available to them in the Highlands.

Join Community Care Haliburton County, SIRCH Community Services and Canoe FM at the Minden Community Centre on Saturday, May 14 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. for the second annual Haliburton County Volunteer Fair.

At the event, visitor will be able to interact with current community volunteers, see a variety of organizational displays and discover the benefits of volunteering.

Not only will the fair attract a number of local agencies, but it will also include sought after author and public speaker Sherry Lawson. A long-time volunteer with strong ties to the not-for-profit sector, Lawson was named Orillia's business woman of the year in 2004 and Orillia's citizen of the year in 2009. Lawson will be on-hand to provide insight into her decades

of volunteer experience.

A nice lunch will be provided to those who attend.



According to promotional materials provided by Community Care, the Haliburton County Volunteer Fair is an initiative geared towards enhancing volunteerism in Haliburton County. Volunteerism is a backbone in Haliburton County and numerous organizations rely on volunteers to provide services throughout the county.

This is the International Year of the Volunteer + 10 and the focus will be on enriching volunteer experiences for members of the county.

To RSVP for the event call Roxanne at 705-457-9603.

Those interested in purchasing a display booth for \$25 can do so by calling Brigitte Gebauer at 705-457-2941.

Old City Hall author to speak at annual general meeting Friday, May 13

Join the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library on Friday, May 13 for their annual general meeting with special guest author Robert Rotenberg.

The AGM begins at 1 p.m. in the common room of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Rotenberg, a renowned Canadian and international author responsible for the bestseller *Old City Hall*, will introduce his new book, *Guilty Plea*, at 2 p.m.

The event is free to Friends' members and is \$5 (the cost of a Friends' membership) to the general public.

Coffee and light refreshments will be provided. For more information email friends@haliburtonlibrary.ca or call Linda at 705-457-2064. Visit the Friends' website at www.haliburtonlibrary.ca.

"Pitch-In" with some fine Dorset folk Saturday, April 30

Do you want to have a hand in helping to clean your neighbourhood?

Then take a trip down to the Dorset Recreation Centre on Saturday, April 30 at 9 a.m. for Dorset Pitch-In Day. The supplies, coffee and treats will be provided to those who come and help out.

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To participate or find out more, please contact Melissa Alfano by email drc@algonquinhighlands.ca or call 705-766-9968.



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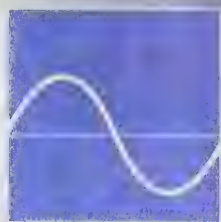
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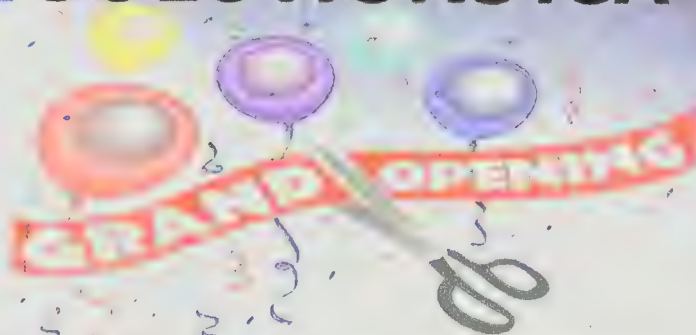




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Events in your community

You can save a life

Learn how to properly perform CPR at one of two upcoming events

The Heart and Stroke Foundation, in partnership with Haliburton County EMS, The Municipality of Algonquin Highlands and Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 is making it easy for Haliburton County residents to learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

There are two free public CPR Skills & AED Awareness events taking place:

The first will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2011 from 7-9 p.m. at the Dorset Recreational Centre located at 1051 Main Street in Dorset. To register, contact Melissa Alfano at 705-766-9968 or email drc@algonquinhighlands.ca.

The second session will take place on Thursday, May 12 from 7-9 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, Haliburton Branch 129 located at 719 Mountain Street in Haliburton. To register, contact Maureen Brown at 705-457-1616.

Participants who register will receive a free Heart and Stroke Foundation CPR Anytime™ Family & Friends™ kit (valued at \$40, one per family). Everyone who completes the course will receive a CPR participation card.



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Quick facts from the Heart and Stroke Foundation

According to the Heart and Stroke Foundation,

approximately 45,000 sudden cardiac arrests occur each year, the majority of which occur either at home or in public places. In Ontario alone, approximately 7,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur annually. For every minute that passes without help, a person's chance of surviving a cardiac arrest drops by 7% to 10%.

Learning CPR is easy and inexpensive and it could mean saving the life of a friend or family member. When defibrillation is applied with CPR in the first few minutes, it can dramatically improve cardiac arrest victim's chance of survival by up to 75%.

"The Heart and Stroke Foundation urges all Canadians to learn CPR. The more people trained, the greater the chance of keeping a person who is experiencing cardiac arrest alive until an ambulance arrives," says Tyler Moon, Community Mission Specialist, Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario. "You don't need to be a doctor to help save a life."

"We hope as many people as possible can attend this free CPR training clinic," says Larry Blanchard, Manager, Quality Assurance & Education, Haliburton County Emergency Medical Services. "Statistics indicate, and I know from my own experience on the job, that CPR and AEDs can make the difference between life and death. The more people in our community with these life-saving skills, the more lives may be saved."

The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada sets the Canadian Guidelines for CPR, defibrillation and other aspects of emergency cardiovascular care in Canada. This free CPR Training Clinic is sponsored by the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario in partnership with Haliburton County EMS, The Municipality of Algonquin Highlands and Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129.

For more information, please contact: Tyler Moon, Community Mission Specialist, Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario by email tmooon@hsf.on.ca or call 905-926-0193.

Friends of the Rail Trail invite you to ramble

Sunday, April 24

What better way to work up an appetite for Easter supper than a Sunday ramble in the fresh air listening to spring birds in the marshlands?

Hosted by The Friends of the Rail Trail, this ramble is the only one to visit Haliburton's "other" rail trail. As always, dogs and children especially welcome.

Bring a bag lunch this week. The rambling begins at

11 a.m. the Tory Hill Parkette Intersection of Hwy's 118 and 503.

Sunday rambles are casually paced, dog-friendly outings inviting all ages to discover our history and nature.

To learn more visit www.friendsoftherailtrail.ca. You can also call Pamela Marsales at 705-457-4767 or email wildwoodpaths@yahoo.ca.

**Have an event happening? Want it in our next issue?
Let us know by 5p.m. on Monday, May 9.**

Email mark@countyvoice.ca or call 705-457-5001

Events in your community

Haliburton Concert Series welcomes international performers

The Haliburton Concert Series is once again bringing a talented, diverse line-up of performers to town, with the first show in the series hitting the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion stage on Saturday, April 30.

Tickets for the series (all three concerts) are \$50 including HST and \$25 for students. A family pass goes for \$125 (two adults and one or more child). To get yours contact Brenda by email at brobinson@interhop.net or call 705-457-2695.

Below are dates and descriptions for each of the scheduled performances.

Pentaedre Woodwind Quintet **Saturday, April 30**

A unique ensemble on the Canadian musical landscape, Pentaèdre explores a diverse chamber music repertoire ranging from traditional classical masterworks to multidisciplinary collaborations. The five play flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, and horn and have been lauded for their talent, technique, precision and colour; the group is known for its extraordinary concert performances. The ensemble has toured extensively in Quebec, throughout Canada, the United States, and Europe.

Winston Choi

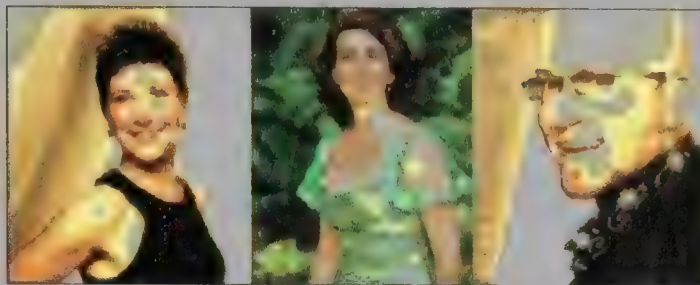
Saturday, September 10

Winston Choi is a dynamic young Canadian pianist who brings a fresh approach to standard repertoire and a masterful understanding and commitment to works by living composers. He was the 2003 Honens International Piano Competition Laureat, and winner of France's 2002 Concours International de Piano 20e siècle d'Orléans. Winston has performed in recital and with orchestras across four continents. He is Assistant Professor and Head of Piano at Roosevelt University's Chicago College of Performing Arts.

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Saturday, October 15

Guy Few, Leslie Fagan, and Stephanie Mara are incredible musicians who will bring you Bach, Handel, Greer, and Mendelssohn in a sparkling evening, full of delight and fun. Leslie is a coloratura soprano with Carnegie Hall appearances to her credit. Guy is a trumpeter and pianist and performs more than 80 concerts each year in North America. Stephanie has been a collaborative pianist with a wide variety of renowned musicians. Together, the three are electric!



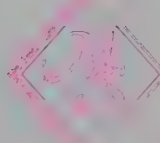
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Events in your community

Highlands Little Theatre presents *Oh Coward!* May 6-8

Local actors and actresses will soon take to the stage in the Highlands Little Theatre production of *Oh Coward!*

Coined as a musical comedy revue, the show will feature well-known favourites Beth Kipping, Brian Kipping and Wayne Cooper, with musical accompaniment from Melissa Stephens.

Performances will take place on Friday, May 6 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, May 7 at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, May 8 at 2 p.m. (Mother's Day matinee). All shows are at Haliburton's Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at Cranberry Cottage and Organic Times. Group tickets are available by calling Curtis Eastmure at 705-457-9778.

About *Oh Coward!*

Oh Coward! was first presented in New York at the New York Theatre on Oct. 4, 1972. It was produced by Wroderick Productions, directed by Roderick Cook and starred Barbara Cason, Roderick Cook and Jamie Ross.

The production celebrates the music of Sir Noel Peirce Coward, an English playwright, composer, director, actor and singer. Coward was known for his wit, flamboyance, and what *Time* magazine called "a sense of personal style, a combination of cheek and chic, pose and poise."



A recent rehearsal for *Oh Coward!*

Sanctuary – an Exhibition Opening reception: Friday, April 29

See what Monika Melichar's Woodlands Sanctuary exhibit has to offer on Friday, April 29 during an open reception at R.D. Lawrence Place. A talk with Melichar starts at 2 p.m.

Sanctuary – as a theme in R.D. Lawrence's life – is explored in this exhibition from his war years to founding wildlife sanctuaries in Ontario, and how his writing still makes a case today for more wildlife sanctuaries.

The exhibition runs until Friday, Dec. 16.

For more information visit www.mindenculturalcentre.com or call Sheryl Loucks at 705-286-2298.

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It's happening in Kinmount

By Lynne Kilby

Welcome to County Connections' hotline to Kinmount!

With the onset of Queen Victoria's birthday upon us Kinmount celebrates seasonal rebirth. Always a popular activity, Highlands Cinemas & Movie Museum opens April 29 and on Victoria Day Weekend, Kinmount welcomes back Kinmount Farmers Market & Kinmount Model Railroad & Museum. Before you know it our beautiful floral displays will return to brighten up the town. Another rebirth – kinmount.ca has been redesigned. The site is bigger and better. Make sure to stop by for a visit.

Friday Night Bingo continues at the Legion at 6:45 p.m. and Big Bucks Bid Euchre takes place the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. Cost of \$10 includes lunch. Something else to keep in mind – throughout the months of July and August the legion hosts Family Fun Bingo Monday nights.

Kids will enjoy the 2nd annual Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Bonnet Parade Saturday, April 23, 1 p.m. at Austin Sawmill Heritage Park. Meet by the Railway Station to parade to the park. Make sure to bring your own baskets.

Plans for town improvements are in the works too. The majority of funds for community improvements come from the proceeds of the Annual Dinner & Live Auction hosted by the Kinmount Committee for Planning & Economic Development. The gala event takes place Saturday, April 30 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Galway Hall. Enjoy a roast beef dinner, live action, silent auction and a country raffle. Auctioneer Don Corneil. For tickets or information call 705-488-2687 or 705-488-2635. Like fine wine Kinmount just keeps getting better with age.

Kinmount Sparks, Brownies & Girl Guides invite you to "Lend a Hand." Join them May 7 at their annual Pitch-In Day Event. Help the girls tidy up the town. Only about an hour of your time is required. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Railway Station. Supplies provided. Refreshments served on completion. Can't make it? Here's another way to support the girls. Following the clean up, the girls plan to set up a cookie table downtown for a few hours.

Drop by Kinmount Artisan's Marketplace over the May long weekend to check out their Welcome Back Friends Event. The shop has been spruced up over winter and new merchandise brought in. You never know what treasures you may discover. A purchase of \$10 or more gives you a free ticket for a draw taking place Labour Day Weekend.

Kinmount Farmers Market also holds a free draw on the Victoria Day Weekend. Win a basket full of farm fresh products and goodies. The market, now in its eleventh season, is situated in a gorgeous riverside setting by Austin Sawmill Heritage Park and runs every Saturday

from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. While there, make sure to pay a visit inside the train station where you will discover all kinds of area information at the Tourist Information Centre. The Railway Station is also home to Kinmount Model Railroad & Museum. Admission by donation.

Kinmount Country Jamboree returns June 23-26 at Kinmount Fairgrounds. An all-star cast promises to bring you country music at its best. The jamboree also offers open mic sessions, camping, and great food. The weekend wraps up with a Canada Day picnic and fireworks display on Sunday, June 26 beginning at 5 p.m. Admission to the grounds is free after that time. For more information visit kinmount.ca and click on the links tab.

Please contact me at 705-488-2919 or email me at lynne.kilby@sympatico.ca to share news or event information and remember to keep visiting kinmount.ca for current information. Happy Easter! See you in Kinmount!

Upcoming Events

April 23

- Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Bonnet Parade 1 p.m. at Austin Sawmill Heritage Park.

April 27

- Diner's Dinner 12 p.m. at Burnt River Centre. Cost: \$7.

April 30

- 17th Annual Dinner & Live Auction 5 p.m. at Galway Hall

May 7

- Pitch-In Day 9 a.m. at the Railway Station. Sponsored by Kinmount Sparks. Brownies & Guides.

May 9

- Craft Creations for Kids 5 p.m. at Kinmount Library.

May 18

- Big Buck Bid Euchre 11 a.m. at Kinmount Legion. Cost: \$10 (includes lunch).

May 20-23

- Welcome Back Friends Event at Kinmount Artisans Marketplace.

May 21

- Friends of the Library Book Sale 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., lower level Kinmount Library.

May 21

- Kinmount Farmer's Market open for season, Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Austin Sawmill Heritage Park.

May 21

- Kinmount Model Railroad & Museum opens for season, Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Railway Station.

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- Diner's Dinner 12 p.m. at Burnt River Centre. Cost: \$7.

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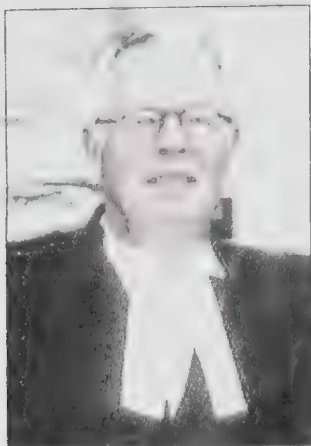
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Lange on the Law

Boundary Trees



By Donald Lange

Boundary trees are trees on the boundary between neighbouring lands. Neighbours' conduct relating to boundary trees has been legislated since 1896 when the Ontario Tree Planting Act was enacted. The purpose of the Act was to encourage the planting and growing of trees. It allowed for municipal grants to support

the planting of trees along highways, public lanes, alleys, places, or squares or on the boundaries of adjacent farms or lots. It also defined the ownership of the trees. They would belong to the owner of the land adjacent to the highway or lane and they would be the common property of both land owners if trees were planted on boundary lines with both owners' consents.

The 1896 Act was revised many times over the years, and consolidated in 1950 in what was then called the Trees Act. Today, boundary trees are governed by section 10 of the Forestry Act. This section provides that an owner of land may only plant trees on the boundary between two properties with the consent of the adjoining land owner. It also provides that every tree whose trunk is growing on the boundary between adjoining lands is the common property of the owners of the

adjoining lands. The clear meaning of this provision is that the trunk cannot be removed by one neighbour without the consent of the other neighbour. The Act provides that a land owner who injures or destroys a tree growing on the boundary between adjoining lands without the consent of the other land owner is guilty of an offence. A conviction could lead to a fine. However, if there are a lot of boundary trees cut down, the court may order the owner to replant the trees, in the manner and within the time that the court considers appropriate and to adequately maintain the replanted trees in the manner the court considers proper.

The Forestry Act does not cover every case of boundary trees. Some trees involve the phenomenon of "tree trespass" which is alive and well in rural Ontario. For example, there are "border trees" whose trunks are solely on one property at ground level, but whose roots encroach into a neighbour's lands, or whose canopy of branches invades the air space above the neighbour's lands. There is clear authority in the court decisions for the principle that a land owner is legally entitled, without notice to or consent from a neighbour, to cut those branches and roots of a neighbour's border tree which extend onto his or her property or air space although such action may kill the tree.

In the next column, I will be talking about the Substitute Decisions Act.

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Along the White Trail

Weaving stories

By Marcia Mandel

There's a spider crawling down the easy chair next to my desk. It is black: more like a mini tarantula than a dime-sized daddy-long-legs. From my experience, seeing spiders inside at this time of year is quite normal. Are they too waking up? I don't know, and the more I wake up, the more springs that come my way, the more I realize there's so much I don't know. And it's okay.

I've spent most of my adult life trying to know, trying to find meaning in things: why did this happen, why did I say that, why am I doing this again? It has been an honourable Delphic way, I suppose. I certainly do know myself. And what's the other aphorism: *an unexamined life is not worth living*. I probably would have gotten a 'B+' in Socrates' class: commendable effort with more work to do.

What I've come to understand recently is life is wrought with paradoxes, and if you try to make sense of it, you'll drive yourself crazy.

I've spent a lot of my life being crazy, and I'm hoping to leave it behind.

It seems to me that what I thought I knew, turns out only to be what I had imagined. Shakespeare said: *"All the world's a stage and the men and women merely players."*

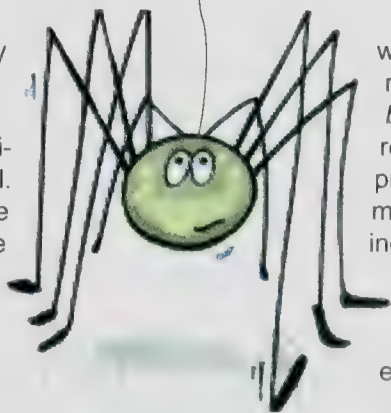
Looking back, I see I have been an actor in an improv troupe and have played out my whole life around certain themes, certain plot points. Had I chosen other themes or plot points to swizzle around, my life would have been totally different. I say this not with regret but with fascination. I am a writer; I am what I do. Not only do I create stories on the page, choosing subjects to focus on and editing what I don't like, I do the same with my own life.

So now as I start the descent on the great wheel of life, I find I am changing focus. Instead of looking for perfection and therefore imperfection, I am more interested in finding wholeness and its fragments.

And here is an interesting thought, a paradox perhaps: If I give up wanting to be perfect, will I become whole?

Yes, I said the wrong thing at the funeral; yes, I put the wrong burner on and melted a tray; yes, I stayed up too late playing video games. I definitely am not perfect. But wholeness. That I can strive for. For me it's about being authentic, it's about turning my light on with courage and respect, and it's about being resilient and knowing where my reset button is when I get overwhelmed.

All those years I spent navel gazing maybe wasn't so poorly spent. Now I can see what scenes are being played out and can choose to step in and act a part or not. A few



weeks ago I caught myself playing the role of the *terribly wronged customer berating a telephone agent* but then realized it wasn't how I wanted to express myself in this world so I stopped mid-sentence and apologized. Interestingly, I got what I wanted within 24 hours in a way that was truly miraculous, but that's another story. Don't get me wrong, drama can be fun, it can even be useful at times, but like any tool it must be used with awareness and care.

You know what? Even that is a story. There are no answers. There are only stories. Some people around the world are using them to manipulate and justifiably murder while others are using them to reconcile and inspire. It's all a story. Who we are is a compilation of the stories we tell – on a personal, family, community and global level.

Everything around us is the result of our personal and collective imaginations. Unfortunately for most of us, the theme of the saga for far too long has been *divide and conquer*. What if we decided to change it however to something like *unite and prosper*? Could we do that? How would we?

Well you know, there is an election coming up. Isn't that interesting.

Let's see. Which party offers secrecy and denigration and which party offers openness and wholeness?

Which themes do we want to focus on: fear of losing what we have or hope of having enough for all? Can we, in our imaginations, visualize a nation where each and every one of its citizens is strong and free? We first have to be able to imagine it before we can change what we have. John Lennon tried to help us see a new way but I guess we weren't ready to pick up our tools and do the hard work of editing. Are we ready now?

I don't know.

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TONGUE TWISTER

Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.

A peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked.

If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers,

Where's the peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked?

Terrance on TECH...



Hey Mister your phone's barking

By Terrance Gavan

So I'm in the YIG (Todd's) here in town.

I'm perusing some fresh fruits.

When, suddenly, my squeeze tests are rudely interrupted by a familiar foreboding woof; and grumpy growl.

A rag-tag, rumble-tumble, gurgling, menacing, threatening; it's formidable; it's close; and it's scaring the bejeezuz out of me.

I recognize it immediately. (I was a dog-whisperer back in the 60s. I'm on quick dial of canine guru Cesar Millan. He calls me when he's stumped. I'm actually his go-to guy on the urination/defecation file. It's why I know so much about antique Persian rugs.)

The grumble I hear is the formidable lower larynx ruff and huff of a large Rottweiler; soon comes the unmistakable salivating, meat-ripping ruuuuuuuuuuoff of a really hungry Nazi spawn; a killer loose; it's now rolled over to full-throated, blood-curling yowl, snuck somewhere from the bowels of Baskervilles.

"Jeezers, what the hell is that?" I scream.

Hackles, tiny porcupine quills flood the nape of my neck.

The flight or fight response kicks, quick-click into my ancient embedded synaptic-strings.

Fight it is! Bring it on Cujo.

Ammo! Need ammo! I turn to Todd's produce.

Now, finally armed for the onslaught. A turnip in one hand and a large Yukon Gold in the other.

Still can't see the hound! Gadzooks!

I tense and turn to face whatever's comin' down that lonely onion aisle at Todd's Independent Grocery store.

On my periphery I spot a mother with her four-year-old son. "Dog, dog, dog!" I scream at the young mother and her wee bairn. I immediately place myself in harm's way between the kid and advancing menace.

Instinct kicks in and I wait; turnip, potato and steel-toed Kodiaks at the ready.

"C'mon Cuuuujjo! I'm ready!"

Shoppers at Todd's stop. Transfixed by. One. Brave. Soul. Alone, in the vegetable aisle.

I feel a tap on my arm.

I spin. Turnip, Potato and "My Left Foot" ready to lash out! I stop, transfixed. It's the little 4-year-old – I recognize him from a skiing lesson. Jeffie Cisco.

"Tewwy," he says, adolescent lisp, barely audible above the snarling hound. "Back, Jeffie, back!" And I try in vain to push him back to the safety of his mother's arms.

Another tap. "But Tewwy!" he says, more insistent this time. "What is it Jeffie?"

He stares up at me calmly. "Tewwy. Your iPhone's barking!"

Lesson one, edition one, of Terrance on Tech. Kids say the

dandiest things!

Oh, and technology, when abused, can come back and bite you; right on your keester.

You remember of course what Obi Wan Kenobi told young Luke Skywalker? "With great power; comes great responsibility."

I own three portable computers, an iPhone, a netbook, an internet stick.

I'm webmaster of multiple sites here in the Highlands – including County Voice and Connections. I maintain five personal blogs and two personal websites. I edit video, photos, and audio with seven different software programs. I subscribe to Gizmodo, Gizmag, Wordpress, and way too many software, hardware and discussion forums to mention. I have three Twitter accounts, two Facebook pages and a YouTube channel.

And get this. Despite all of this ersatz knowledge I still listen to suggestions from well-meaning tech addicts. To wit: My publisher Stephen Patrick.

Patrick brings me iPhone tips. Often. He's an old hippie turned techie. He and wife Holly are iPhone freaks. Great product by the way. Not necessarily better than the powerful high-G Android products arriving daily, but solid and user friendly.

Anyway Patrick is chiding me about this or that two weeks back in McKecks. I am having a MEGO attack. (Hunter S Thompson – My Eyes Glaze Over.)

Patrick says, "You must get this app." He pulls out his iPhone and kicks it to Dragon Dictation. He's showin' off, poor soul. It is a coolio app. He reads something slowly into the mike, an email to Holly. "I'll be home late." I look at it. Perfect. He sends it. No typing. Fantastic right?

I download it ASAP.

And after a story meeting two weeks ago I hurriedly dictated my to-do list of stories for the coming week. To Dragon Dictation. Forgetting of course that I have Reverend Donald Francis Gavan disease. Like my uncle Don, I suffer from Gavan motor mouth.

I talk quickly.

The gist? For any appointments I missed last week? Blame that s.o.b. Patrick.

Here's what Dragon Dictation gave me to work with.

"Oh Lisa this is Leo having a generator on the phone you if by going to beeping splash Minden. Bond steels bring a black weekend already over easy. And oh I won't run on the e-mail while on E Paisley. I like to see if you went through today. Fun steel only do he prepare for all candidates. Web sight and alone page stop. We have curling rails and stop rail and Gallery stop we have one other call Scott Lee at pictures. We have an hilarious column about Dragon Dick Tatian which is an Elsmere Island."

Okay, even with the Jedi Force I couldna' ken a word.

Happy surfing! And remember what Obi Wan said: "With great power..."

This is Terrance on Tech. Sending!

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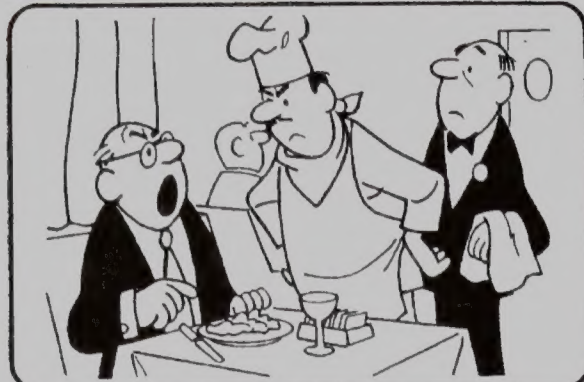
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Camouflage	Curtains	Makeup	Veil
Conspiracy	Eye patch	Tablecloth	

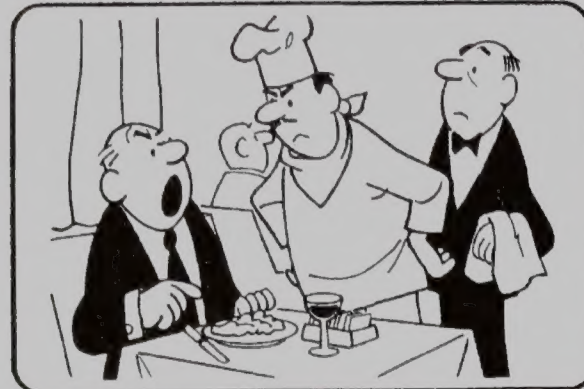
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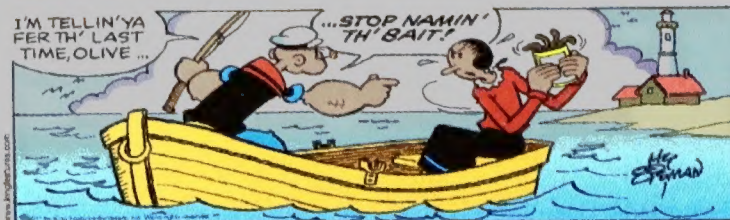
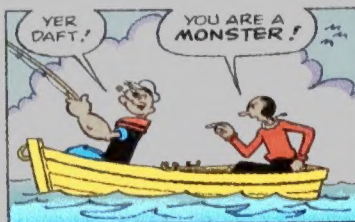
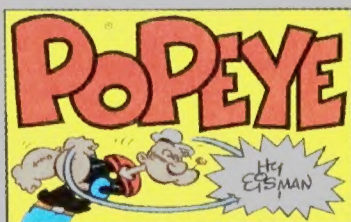


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Waiter's button is missing. 2. Wine glass is full. 3. Man's glasses are gone. 4. Tie is black. 5. Door is missing. 6. Chef's apron is shorter.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★ ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

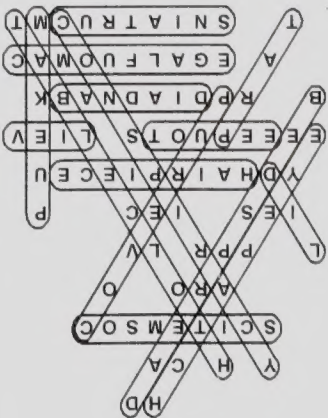
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**Redstone River and Lake
\$549,000**



4 season cottage with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, vaulted pine ceilings - 2 storey window in the living - dining room opens onto large deck - also includes guest quarters - gazebo - approx 575 feet of frontage and over 2 acres - shallow sand entry to deep water even at low water - also includes a 100 ft waterfront lot on Redstone Lake with dock for boat - 5 min walk - privacy in a dramatic Redstone River & forest setting.

**Kennisis Lake
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Kennisis Lake cottage year round. Sheltered shoreline, level lot, paved road to door. 3 bedrooms, master has 2 piece ensuite. Stone fireplace for those cool evenings. Open concept with large kitchen area. Pride of ownership with many upgrades. Shed 8 X 12 plus wood storage area. Comes fully furnished, some toys and raspberry bushes to make that pie.

**Kennisis Lake - 161ft Point
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